

Instructions for use

WASHING MACHINE

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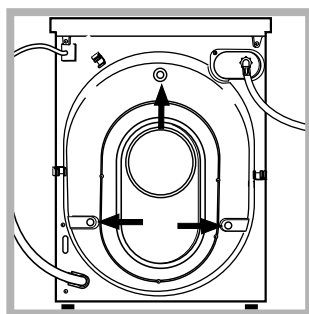
! Keep this instruction manual in a safe place for future reference. Should the appliance be sold, transferred or moved, make sure the instruction manual accompanies the washing machine to inform the new owner as to its operation and features.

! Read these instructions carefully: they contain vital information on installation, use and safety.

Unpacking and levelling

Unpacking

1. Unpack the washing machine.
2. Check whether the washing machine has been damaged during transport. If this is the case, do not install it and contact your retailer.



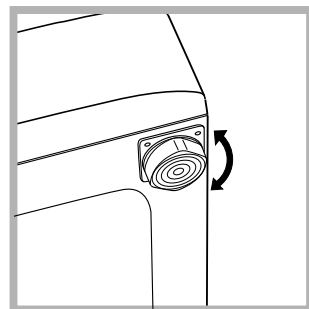
3. Remove the three protective screws and the rubber washer with the respective spacer, situated on the rear of the appliance (see figure).

4. Seal the gaps using the plastic plugs provided.
5. Keep all the parts: you will need them again if the washing machine needs to be moved to another location.

! Packaging materials are not children's toys.

Levelling

1. Install the washing machine on a flat sturdy floor, without resting it up against walls, furniture cabinets or other.

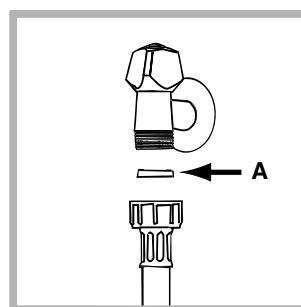


2. If the floor is not perfectly level, compensate for any unevenness by tightening or loosening the adjustable front feet (see figure); the angle of inclination, measured according to the worktop, must not exceed 2°.

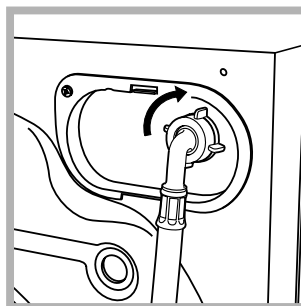
Levelling your appliance correctly will provide it with stability and avoid any vibrations, noise and shifting during operation. If it is placed on a fitted or loose carpet, adjust the feet in such a way as to allow enough room for ventilation beneath the washing machine.

Electric and water connections

Connecting the water inlet hose



1. Insert seal A into the end of the inlet hose and screw the latter onto a cold water tap with a 3/4 gas threaded mouth (see figure). Before making the connection, allow the water to run freely until it is perfectly clear.



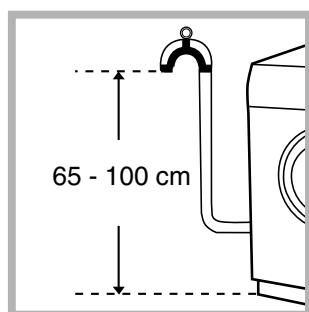
2. Connect the other end of the water inlet hose to the washing machine, screwing it onto the appliance's cold water inlet, situated on the top right-hand side on the rear of the appliance (see figure).

3. Make sure there are no kinks or bends in the hose.

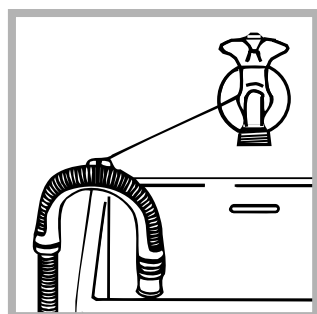
! The water pressure at the tap must be within the values indicated in the Technical details table (on the next page).

! If the water inlet hose is not long enough, contact a specialist store or an authorised serviceman.

Connecting the drain hose



Connect the drain hose, without bending it, to a draining duct or a wall drain situated between 65 and 100 cm from the floor;



alternatively, place it over the edge of a basin, sink or tub, fastening the duct supplied to the tap (see figure). The free end of the hose should not be underwater.

! We advise against the use of hose extensions; in case of absolute need, the extension must have the same diameter as the original hose and must not exceed 150 cm in length.

Electric connection

Before plugging the appliance into the mains socket, make sure that:

- the socket is earthed and in compliance with the applicable law;
- the socket is able to sustain the appliance's maximum power load indicated in the Technical details table (*on the right*);
- the supply voltage is included within the values indicated on the Technical details table (*on the right*);
- the socket is compatible with the washing machine's plug. If this is not the case, replace the socket or the plug.

! The washing machine should not be installed in an outdoor environment, not even when the area is sheltered, because it may be very dangerous to leave it exposed to rain and thunderstorms.

! When the washing machine is installed, the mains socket must be within easy reach.

! Do not use extensions or multiple sockets.

! The power supply cable must never be bent or dangerously compressed.


! The power supply cable must only be replaced by an authorised serviceman.

Warning! The company denies all liability if and when these norms are not respected.

The first wash cycle

Once the appliance has been installed, and before you use it for the first time, run a wash cycle with detergent and no laundry, setting the 90°C programme without a pre-wash cycle.

Technical details

Model	AVF 88
Dimensions	59.5 cm wide 85 cm high 53.5 cm deep
Capacity	from 1 to 5 kg
Electric connections	voltage 220/230 Volts 50 Hz maximum absorbed power 1850 W
Water connections	maximum pressure 1 MPa (10 bar) minimum pressure 0.05 MPa (0.5 bar) drum capacity 46 litres
Spin speed	up to 800 rpm
Control programmes according to IEC456 directive	programme 3; temperature 60°C; run with a load of 5 kg.
	This appliance is compliant with the following European Community Directives: - 73/23/CEE of 19/02/73 (Low Voltage) and subsequent amendments - 89/336/CEE of 03/05/89 (Electromagnetic Compatibility) and subsequent amendments

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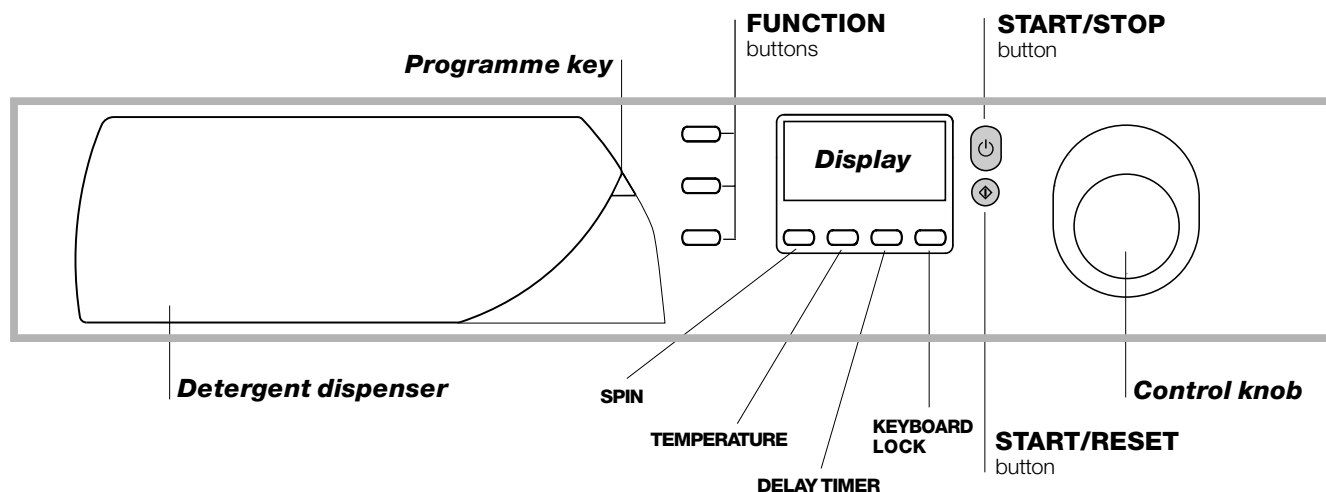
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Control panel



Detergent dispenser to add detergent and fabric softener (see page 8).

Programme key to consult a straightforward chart of the different programmes available: pull the grey tab outwards to open it.

FUNCTION buttons to select the functions available. The button corresponding to the function selected will remain on.

SPIN button to adjust the spin speed or exclude it altogether (see page 7).

TEMPERATURE button to adjust the wash temperature (see page 7).

DELAY TIMER button to delay the start of the set programme for a maximum period of 24 hours (see page 7).

KEYBOARD LOCK key. To lock all the keys on the washing machine during operation or during Stand-by mode (see page 5).

Display to programme the washing machine and follow the wash cycle progress (see opposite page).

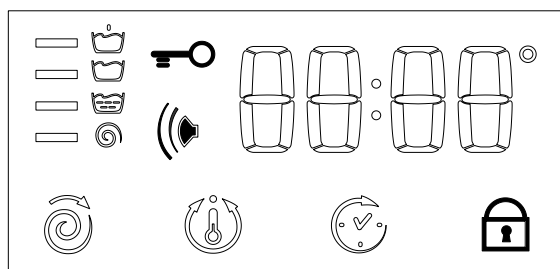
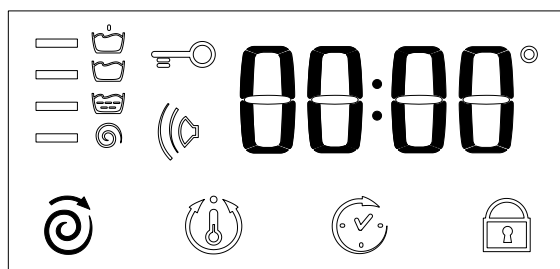
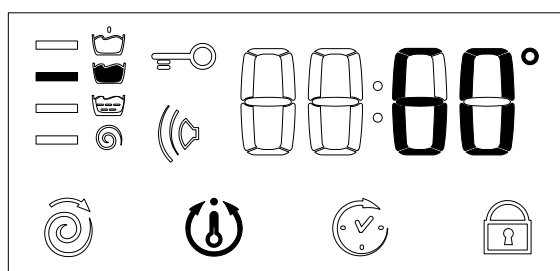
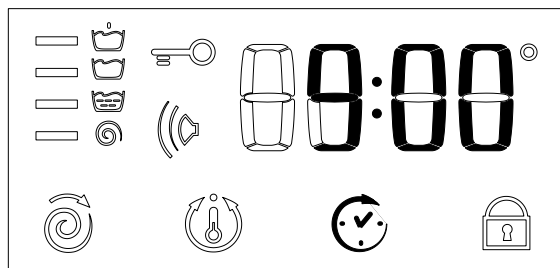
START/STOP button to turn the washing machine on and off (see page 6).

START/RESET button to start the programmes or cancel any incorrect settings (see page 6).

Control knob to select the wash programmes. The retractable control knob: press the centre of the knob for it to pop out. The knob stays still during the cycle (see page 6).

Display

In addition to being a practical tool to programme your appliance (see page 7), the display provides useful information concerning the wash cycle and status.



Once you have pressed the START/RESET button to start the programme, the display will indicate the amount of time left until the end of the wash cycle. If a delayed start has been set (using the Delay Timer, see page 7), the delay time will be indicated on the display.

The following information is displayed during the wash cycle:

Cycle phase under way:

- Pre-wash
- Wash cycle
- Rinse
- Spin cycle

Customised functions and options:

To select functions and options, see below and on page 7.

Buzzer:

Your washing machine comes with a buzzer, which will inform you of the various functions being carried out, or of any malfunctions: incompatibility, option/programme keys, start, end of cycle, reset.

Keyboard lock:

For your safety and that of your children, you can block all the keys during the machine's operation or during waiting position (delayed start - Stand-by) by pressing the function key for 2 seconds. To disable this function, hold the same button down for 4 seconds.

Door lock:

If the symbol is on, the washing machine door is locked to prevent it from being opened accidentally. To avoid any damages, wait for the symbol to switch itself off before you open the appliance door. This model is fitted with a device that allows you to open the appliance door during some of the programme phases. This is possible when the symbol is not on.

At the end of the programme, the word "end" is displayed.

! In the event of an anomaly, an error code will appear, such as: F-01, which should be communicated to the Service Centre (see page 12).

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Briefly: starting a programme

1. Turn the washing machine on by pressing button . All the icons will light up for a few seconds and then go off.
2. Load your laundry into the washing machine and shut the appliance door.
3. Set the knob to the desired programme. The estimated duration of the selected programme is displayed. The temperature and spin speed are automatically set according to the programme (to change them, see page 7).
4. Add the detergent and any fabric softener (see page 8).
5. Select any function (see page 7).
6. Start the programme by pressing the START/RESET button.
To cancel it, keep the START/RESET button pressed for at least 2 seconds.
7. When the programme has ended, the word "end" is displayed. Take out your laundry and leave the appliance door ajar to allow the drum to dry thoroughly.
8. Turn the washing machine off by pressing button .

Programme table

Type of fabric and degree of soil	Programmes	Wash temp.	Detergent		Fabric softener	Bleaching option/bleach	Cycle length (minutes)	Description of wash cycle
			Pre-wash	Wash				
Cotton								
Extremely soiled whites (sheets, tablecloths, etc.)	1	90°C	•	•	•		160	Pre-wash, wash cycle, rinse cycles, intermediate and final spin cycles
Extremely soiled whites (sheets, tablecloths, etc.)	2	90°C		•	•	Delicate/Traditional	143	Wash cycle, rinse cycles, intermediate and final spin cycles
Heavily soiled whites and fast colours	3	60°C		•	•	Delicate/Traditional	120	Wash cycle, rinse cycles, intermediate and final spin cycles
Slightly soiled whites and delicate colours (shirts, jumpers, etc.)	4	40°C		•	•	Delicate/Traditional	85	Wash cycle, rinse cycles, intermediate and final spin cycles
Slightly soiled delicate colours	5	30°C		•	•	Delicate/Traditional	77	Wash cycle, rinse cycles, intermediate and final spin cycles
Synthetics								
Heavily soiled fast colours (baby linen, etc.)	6	60°C		•	•	Delicate	92	Wash cycle, rinse cycles, anti-crease or delicate spin cycle
Fast colours (all types of slightly soiled garments)	6	40°C		•	•	Delicate	77	Wash cycle, rinse cycles, anti-crease or delicate spin cycle
Heavily soiled fast colours (baby linen, etc.)	7	50°C		•	•	Delicate	86	Wash cycle, rinse cycles, anti-crease or delicate spin cycle
Delicate colours (all types of slightly soiled garments)	8	40°C		•	•	Delicate	76	Wash cycle, rinse cycles, anti-crease or delicate spin cycle
Delicate colours (all types of slightly soiled garments)	9	30°C		•	•		30	Wash cycle, rinse cycles and delicate spin cycl
Delicate								
Wool	10	40°C		•	•	Delicate	42	Wash cycle, rinse cycles and delicate spin cycle
Very delicate fabrics (curtains, silk, viscose, etc.)	11	30°C		•	•		52	Wash cycle, rinse cycles, anti-crease or draining cycle
PARTIAL PROGRAMMES								
Rinse					•	•		Rinse cycles and spin cycle
Delicate rinse cycle					•	•		Rinse cycles, anti-crease or draining
Spin cycle								Draining and heavy duty spin cycle
Delicate spin cycle								Draining and delicate spin cycle
Draining								Draining

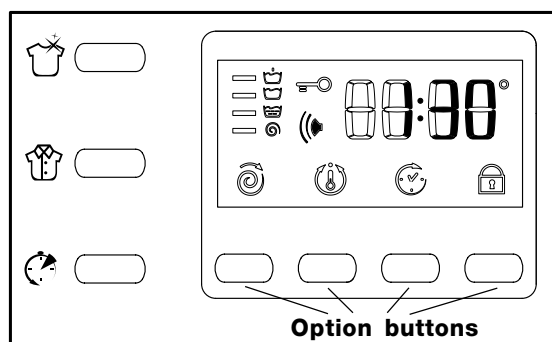
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For the anti-crease function: see Easy iron, *opposite page*. The information contained in the table is purely indicative.

Special programme

Daily 30' (programme 9 for Synthetics) is designed to wash lightly soiled garments in a short amount of time: it only lasts 30 minutes and allows you to save on both time and energy. By setting this programme (9 at 30°C), you can wash different fabrics together (except for woollen and silk items), with a maximum load of 3 kg.

We recommend the use of liquid detergent.



Setting the spin cycle

If, when the appliance is switched on, the KNOB is positioned on a programme with a spin cycle, a fixed appears. Press button and the maximum spin speed allowed for the programme set will be displayed, and the icon flashes. Press it again and the values lower until they reach OFF, which indicates that the spin cycle has been excluded (press it again to go back to the maximum value); stop on the desired speed, after approximately 2 seconds the setting is accepted: the symbol remains fixed. The spin cycle setting is enabled with all the programmes except for 11 and the Draining cycle.

Setting the temperature

If, when the appliance is switched on, the KNOB is positioned on a programme for which the temperature needs to be regulated, a fixed appears. Press button and the maximum temperature allowed for the programme set will be displayed and the icon flashes. Press it again and the temperature lowers until it reaches OFF, which indicates a cold wash cycle (press it again to go back to the maximum value); stop on the desired value, after approximately 2 seconds the setting is accepted: the symbol remains fixed. The temperature adjustment is enabled with all wash programmes.

Setting the Delay Timer

Press the button and you will see the word OFF on the display, while the relative symbol flashes. Press the button again and "1h" appears, that is, a delay of one hour (this can reach up to 24h); stop on the "desired" delay; after approximately 2 seconds the setting is accepted, following which, the time for the set programme appears on the display and the symbol remains on. If you now press the START/RESET button, the set "delay" appears; this decreases every hour until the start of the cycle. In this phase, the "delay" can only be modified by decreasing it. The Delay Timer regulation is enabled with all programmes.

Keyboard Lock (see page 5).

Functions

To enable a function:

1. press the button corresponding to the desired function, according to the table below;
2. the function is enabled when the corresponding button is illuminated.

Note: The rapid flashing of the button indicates that the corresponding function cannot be selected for the programme set.

If you set a function that is incompatible with another function you selected previously, only the last one selected will be enabled.

Function	Effect	Comments	Enabled with programmes:
 Super wash	Allows for an impeccable wash, visibly whiter than a standard Class A wash.	This option is incompatible with the RAPID option.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
 Easy iron	This option reduces the amount of creasing on fabrics, making them easier to iron.	If you set this option, programmes 6, 7, 8, 11 and Delicate Rinse will be suspended, leaving the laundry to soak (Anti-crease) and icon will flash: - to conclude the cycle, press the START/RESET button; - to run the draining cycle alone, set the knob to the relative symbol and press the START/RESET button.	All programmes except for 1, 2, 9, 10 and Draining.
 Rapid	Cuts the duration of the wash cycle by 30%.	This option is incompatible with the SUPER WASH option.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

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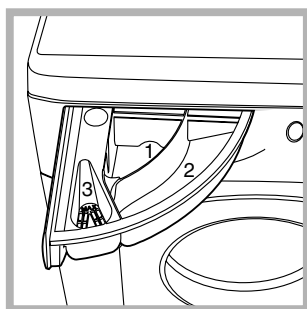
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Detergent dispenser

Good washing results also depend on the correct dose of detergent: adding too much detergent won't necessarily make for a more efficient wash, and may in fact cause build up on the interior of your appliance and even pollute the environment.



Open up the detergent dispenser and pour in the detergent and fabric softener, as follows.

compartment 1: Detergent for pre-wash (powder)

compartment 2: Detergent for the wash cycle (powder or liquid)

Liquid detergent should only be poured in immediately prior to the wash cycle start.

compartment 3: Additives (fabric softeners, etc.)

The fabric softener should not overflow from the grid.

! Do not use hand wash detergent because it may form too much foam.

Preparing your laundry

- Divide your laundry according to:
 - the type of fabric/the symbol on the label.
 - the colours: separate coloured garments from whites.
- Empty all pockets and check for loose buttons.
- Do not exceed the weight limits stated below, which refer to the weight when dry:
 - Sturdy fabrics: max 5 kg
 - Synthetic fabrics: max 2.5 kg
 - Delicate fabrics: max 2 kg
 - Wool: max 1 kg

How much does your laundry weigh?

- 1 sheet 400-500 g
- 1 pillow case 150-200 g
- 1 tablecloth 400-500 g
- 1 bathrobe 900-1,200 g
- 1 towel 150-250 g

Special items

Curtains: fold curtains and place them in a pillow case or mesh bag. Wash them separately without exceeding half the appliance load. Use programme 11 which excludes the spin cycle automatically.

Quilted coats and windbreakers: if they are padded with goose or duck down, they can be machine-washed. Turn the garments inside out and load a maximum of 2-3 kg, repeating the rinse cycle once or twice and using the delicate spin cycle.

Trainers: remove any mud. They can be washed together with jeans and other tough garments, but not with whites.

Wool: for best results, use a specific detergent, taking care not to exceed a load of 1 kg.

Woolmark Platinum Care

As gentle as a hand wash.



Ariston sets a new standard of superior performance that has been endorsed by The Woolmark Company with the prestigious Woolmark Platinum Care brand. Look for the Woolmark Platinum Care logo on the washing machine to ensure you can safely and effectively wash wool garments labelled as "hand wash" (M.00221):



Set programme 10 for all "Hand wash" garments, using the appropriate detergent.

Precautions and advice



! The washing machine was designed and built in compliance with the applicable international safety regulations. The following information is provided for your safety and should consequently be read carefully.

General safety

- This appliance has been designed for non-professional, household use and its functions must not be changed.
- This washing machine should only be used by adults and in accordance with the instructions provided in this manual.
- Never touch the washing machine when barefoot or with wet or damp hands or feet.
- Do not pull on the power supply cable to unplug the appliance from the electricity socket. Pull the plug out yourself.
- Do not open the detergent dispenser while the appliance is in operation.
- Do not touch the drain water as it could reach very high temperatures.
- Never force the washing machine door: this could damage the safety lock mechanism designed to prevent any accidental openings.
- In the event of a malfunction, do not under any circumstances touch internal parts in order to attempt repairs.
- Always keep children well away from the appliance while in operation.
- The appliance door tends to get quite hot during the wash cycle.
- Should it have to be moved, proceed with the help of two or three people and handle it with the utmost care. Never try to do this alone, because the appliance is very heavy.
- Before loading your laundry into the washing machine, make sure the drum is empty.

Disposal

- Disposing of the packaging material: observe local regulations, so the packaging can be re-used.

- Disposing of an old washing machine: before scrapping your appliance, cut the power supply cable and remove the appliance door.

Saving energy and respecting the environment

Environmentally-friendly technology

If you only see a little water through your appliance door, this is because thanks to the latest Ariston technology, your washing machine only needs less than half the amount of water to get the best results: an objective reached to respect the environment.

Saving on detergent, water, energy and time

- To avoid wasting resources, the washing machine should be used with a full load. A full load instead of two half loads allows you to save up to 50% on energy.
- The pre-wash cycle is only necessary on extremely soiled garments. Avoiding it will save on detergent, time, water and between 5 and 15% energy.
- Treating stains with a stain remover or leaving them to soak before washing will cut down the need to wash them at high temperatures. A programme at 60°C instead of 90°C or one at 40°C instead of 60°C will save up to 50% on energy.
- Use the correct quantity of detergent depending on the water hardness, how soiled the garments are and the amount of laundry you have, to avoid wastage and to protect the environment: despite being biodegradable, detergents do contain ingredients that alter the natural balance of the environment. In addition, avoid using fabric softener as much as possible.
- If you use your washing machine from late in the afternoon until the early hours of the morning, you will help reduce the electricity board's peak load. The Delay Timer option (see page 7) helps to organise your wash cycles accordingly.
- If your laundry has to be dried in a tumble dryer, select a high spin speed. Having the least water possible in your laundry will save you time and energy in the drying process.

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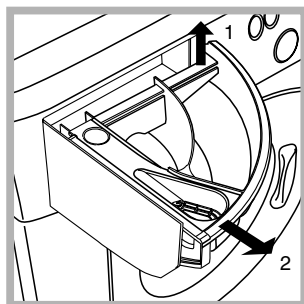
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- Turn off the water tap after every wash. This will limit the wear of your appliance's water system and also prevent leaks.
- Unplug your appliance when cleaning it and during all maintenance operations.

Cleaning your appliance

The exterior and rubber parts of your appliance can be cleaned with a soft cloth soaked in lukewarm soapy water. Do not use solvents or abrasives.

Cleaning the detergent dispenser



Remove the dispenser by raising it and pulling it out (see figure). Wash it under running water; this operation should be repeated frequently.

Caring for your appliance door and drum

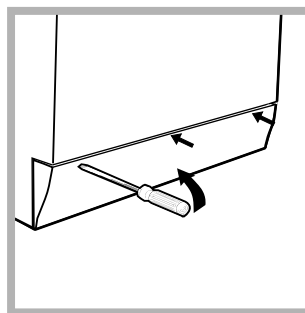
- Always leave the appliance door ajar to prevent unpleasant odours from forming.

Cleaning the pump

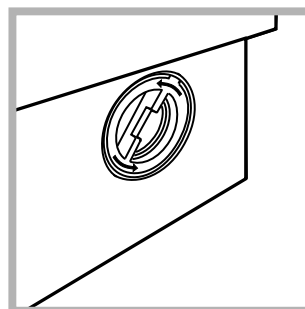
The washing machine is fitted with a self-cleaning pump that does not require any maintenance. Sometimes, small items (such as coins or buttons) may fall into the pre-chamber that protects the pump, situated in the lower part of the same.

! Make sure the wash cycle has ended and unplug the appliance.

To access the pre-chamber:



1. using a screwdriver, remove the cover panel on the lower front of the washing machine (see figure);



2. unscrew the lid rotating it anti-clockwise (see figure): a little water may trickle out. This is perfectly normal;

3. clean the interior thoroughly;
4. screw the lid back on;
5. reposition the panel, making sure the hooks are securely in place before you push it onto the appliance.

Checking the water inlet hose

Check the water inlet hose at least once a year. If you see any cracks, replace it immediately: during the wash cycles, water pressure is very strong and a cracked hose could easily split open.

! Never use hoses that have already been used.

Your washing machine could fail to work. Before calling for Assistance (see page 12), make sure the problem can't easily be solved by consulting the following list.

Problem

The washing machine won't start.

The wash cycle won't start.

The washing machine fails to load water (The wording H2O is displayed).

The washing machine continuously loads and unloads water.

The washing machine does not drain or spin.


The washing machine vibrates too much during the spin cycle.

The washing machine leaks.

There is too much foam.

Possible causes/Solution:

- The appliance is not plugged into the socket, or not enough to make contact.
- There has been a power failure.

- The appliance door is not shut properly (the word "door" is displayed).
- The  button has not been pressed.
- The START/RESET button has not been pressed.
- The water tap is not turned on.
- A delayed start has been set (using the Delay Timer, see page 7).

- The water inlet hose is not connected to the tap.
- The hose is bent.
- The water tap is not turned on.
- There is a water shortage.
- The water pressure is insufficient.
- The START/RESET button has not been pressed.

- The drain hose is not fitted between 65 and 100 cm from the floor (see page 3).
- The free end of the hose is underwater (see page 3).
- The wall drainage system doesn't have a breather pipe.

If the problem persists even after these checks, turn off the water tap, switch the appliance off and call for Assistance. If the dwelling is on one of the upper floors of a building, there may be drain trap problems causing the washing machine to load and unload water continuously. In order to avoid such an inconvenience, special anti-drain trap valves are available in shops.

- The programme does not foresee the draining: some programmes require enabling the draining manually (see page 6).
- The Easy iron option is enabled: to complete the programme, press the START/RESET button (see page 7).
- The drain hose is bent (see page 3).
- The drain duct is clogged.

- The drum was not unblocked correctly during installation (see page 2).
- The washing machine is not level (see page 2).
- The washing machine is closed in between furniture cabinets and the wall (see page 2).

- The water inlet hose is not screwed on correctly (see page 2).
- The detergent dispenser is obstructed (to clean it, see page 10).
- The drain hose is not secured properly (see page 3).

- The detergent is not suitable for machine washing (it should bear the definition "for washing machines" or "hand and machine wash", or the like).
- You used too much detergent.

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Before calling for Assistance:

- Check whether you can solve the problem on your own (*see page 11*);
- Restart the programme to check whether the problem has been solved;
- If this is not the case, contact an authorised Technical Service Centre on the telephone number provided on the guarantee certificate.

! Always request the assistance of authorised servicemen.

Notify the operator of:

- the type of problem;
- the appliance model (Mod.);
- the serial number (S/N).

This information can be found on the data plate situated on the rear of the washing machine.